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In re Application of:

YOKOYA et al.

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For: **GENE PANEL PARTICIPATIVE IN HEPATIC STELLATE CELL ACTIVATION**(This is a Continuation of International Patent Application
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1. Filing Form For Continuation of an International Patent Application;
2. 43 Page Continuation Application consisting of:
 - 40 pages Textual specification
 - 2 pages 9 claims
 - 1 sheet drawing;
3. International Publication No: WO 03/014345 A1 cover sheet with
PCT/ISA/210 International Search Report
4. Executed Inventor's Declaration
5. Executed Assignment with recordation form cover sheet
6. **Preliminary Amendment with Attachment A and Attachment B to be examined**
7. PCT/RO/101 Request
8. PCT/IB/304 Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of
Priority Document
9. PCT/IB/308 Notice informing the Applicant of the Communication of
the International Application to the Designated offices
10. PCT/IB/332 Information Concerning Elected Offices Notified of
their Election
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FILING FORM

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Sir:

1. This is a Request for filing a
- X Continuation Application under:
 - X 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1)
 - Divisional Application under:
 - 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1)
 - Continuation-In-Part (CIP) application
 - 37 CFR 1.53(b)(2)

of **prior** ("parent") international application:

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Entitled: **GENE PANEL PARTICIPATIVE IN HEPATIC STELLATE CELL
ACTIVATION**

2. X *Enclosed for application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are:
- 43 pages of text (specification, claims, abstract,)
 - 9 claims
 - 1 sheet of drawings



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3. The **present** application names the following inventor(s):

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___ Newly executed oath or declaration (original or copy)
will be submitted at a later date pursuant to 37 CFR 1.41,
1.53

___ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.52 (b))

___ (37 CFR 1.53--"CIP") The above-identified application (in which
no payment of the Issue Fee, abandonment of or termination of
proceedings has occurred) is hereby expressly abandoned as of the
filing date of this new application.

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	NUMBER OF CLAIMS FILED		NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
TOTAL	15	minus 20	0	x9=	0		x18=	770.00
INDEP	2	minus 3	0	x43=	0		x86=	00.00
BASE FILING FEE:				+385=	0		+770=	770.00
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___ Applicant(s) is/are a "small entity". A Verified Statement
Claiming Small Entity Status:
___ was filed in the parent application, and small entity status
___ is still proper and desired ;
___ is asserted as allowed under 37 CFR ' 1.27.

x A check including the above-indicated filing fee is enclosed.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time (to keep the parent case pending) is enclosed, with a check including the \$ extension fee.
- ☒ Assignment document(s) is/are submitted herewith, with a check including the recordation fee of \$40.00 per Assignment.
- ☐ No check is enclosed. A Declaration and Power of Attorney will be submitted at a later date pursuant to 37 CFR 1.41, 1.53, and/or a check for the "Total Filing Fee" calculated above and a surcharge under 37 CFR ' 1.16(e).
- ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to , the Assignment being recorded on , on Reel , Frame(s) .
- ☒ An executed Declaration is enclosed.
- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
- This is a Continuation of International Patent Application PCT/JP02/08079 with an international filing date of 07 August 2002 which claims priority to JAPANESE Patent Application No. 2001-240974 filed 08 August 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.--
- ☐ Benefit is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) from Patent Application(s) No. filed .
- ☒ Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of Japanese application(s) No. 2001-240974, filed 08 August 2001, is hereby claimed. The certified priority paper(s):
- ☒ was/were filed in the parent case;
- ☐ is/are enclosed herewith;
- ☐ will be submitted at a later date.
- ☒ The power of attorney in this application is to Todd L. Juneau, Reg. No. 40,669.
- ☒ The power appears in the Inventor's Declaration attached with application.
- ☐ The power will be submitted at a later date.

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— If extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the parent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned to allow copendency of the parent and the present continuing application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fee deficiency under 37 CFR 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

X Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$ 770.⁰⁰.

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